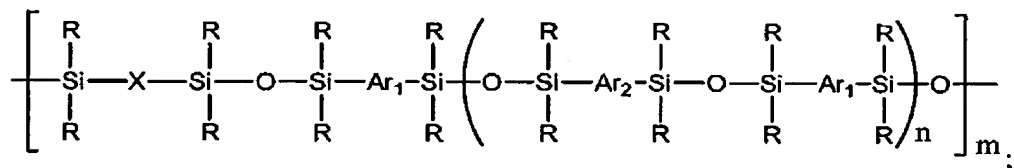## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-6.   (cancelled)

7.   (currently amended): A precursor comprising the formula:

wherein n≥0;

wherein n>0;

wherein n is an average value obtained by averaging all repeating units of the
precursor;

wherein m≥1;

wherein X is a divalent group containing one or more acetylenic groups;

wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are independently selected aromatic groups; and

wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl,
alkylaryl, haloalkyl, haloaryl, and combinations thereof.

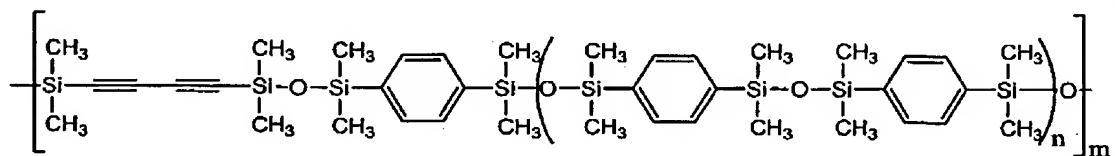8.   (previously presented): The precursor of claim 7, wherein X is 1,4-butadiynylene.

9.   (previously presented): The precursor of claim 7, wherein one or more of the Ar_1 and Ar_2
groups is phenylene.

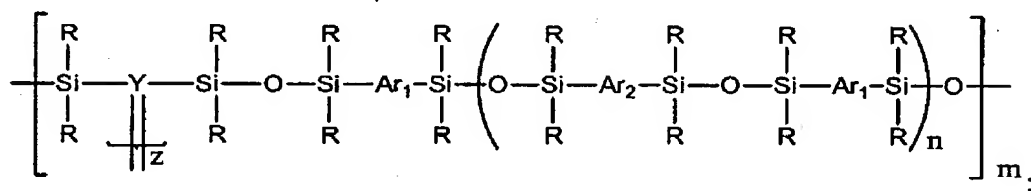10.   (previously presented): The precursor of claim 7, wherein one or more of the R groups is
$-CH_3$.

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11.   (original): The precursor of claim 7, wherein the precursor comprises the formula:

12.   (original): The precursor of claim 11, wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, and 4.

13.   (currently amended): A networked polymer comprising the formula:

~~wherein n≥0;~~

wherein n>0;

wherein n is an average value obtained by averaging all repeating units of the networked polymer;

wherein m≥1;

wherein Y is a divalent group containing one or more acetylenic groups, one or more crosslinks, or both;
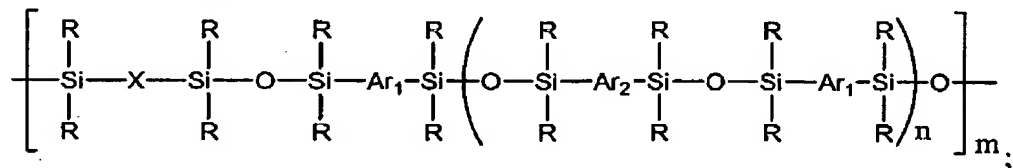
wherein z is the average number of crosslinks per Y group;

wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are independently selected aromatic groups; and

wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, haloalkyl, haloaryl, and combinations thereof.
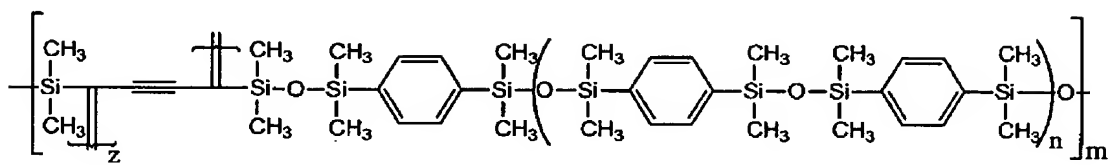
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14.   (original): The networked polymer of claim 13, wherein the networked polymer is formed by crosslinking a precursor comprising the formula:
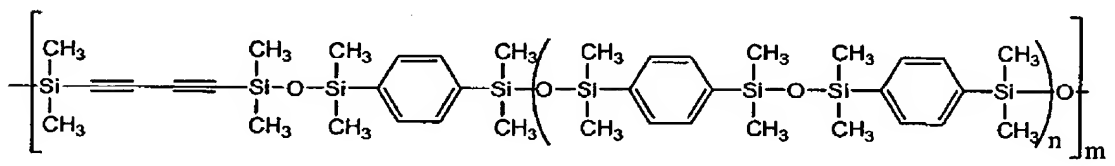

wherein X is a divalent group containing one or more acetylenic groups.

15.   (previously presented): The networked polymer of claim 14, wherein X is 1,4-butadiynylene.

16.   (previously presented): The networked polymer of claim 13, wherein one or more of the Ar_1 and Ar_2 groups is phenylene.

17.   (previously presented): The networked polymer of claim 13, wherein one or more of the R groups is $-CH_3$.

18.   (original): The networked polymer of claim 13, wherein the networked polymer comprises the formula:

19.   (original): The networked polymer of claim 18, wherein the networked polymer is formed by crosslinking a precursor comprising the formula:
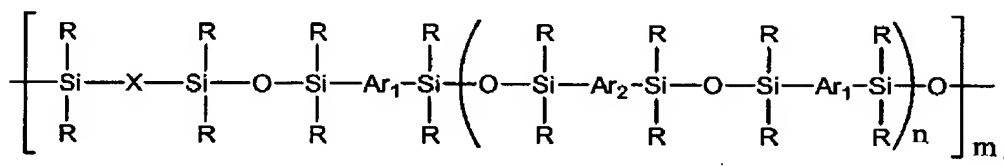

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20.   (original): The networked polymer of claim 18, wherein n is selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, and 4.

21-34. (cancelled)

35.   (currently amended): A process of preparing a precursor comprising the formula:

wherein n≥0;

wherein $n > 0$;

wherein n is an average value obtained by averaging all repeating units of the precursor;
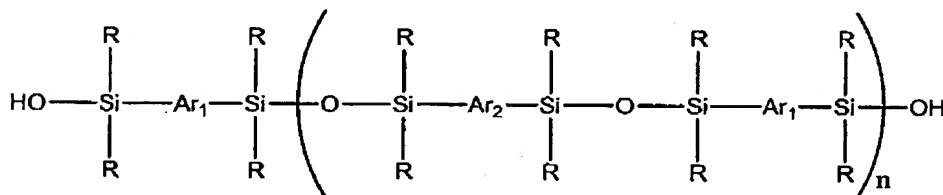
wherein $m \geq 1$;

wherein X is a divalent group containing one or more acetylenic groups;

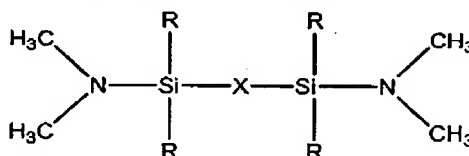wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are independently selected aromatic groups; and

wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, haloalkyl, haloaryl, and combinations thereof;

comprising the step of:

reacting a prepolymer comprising the formula:

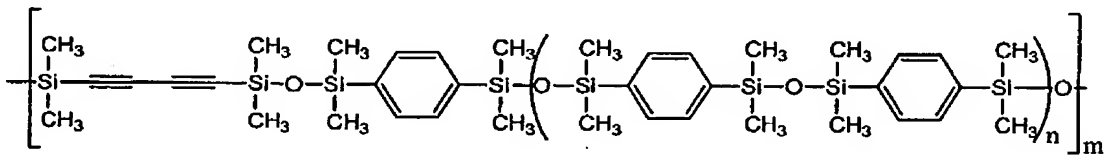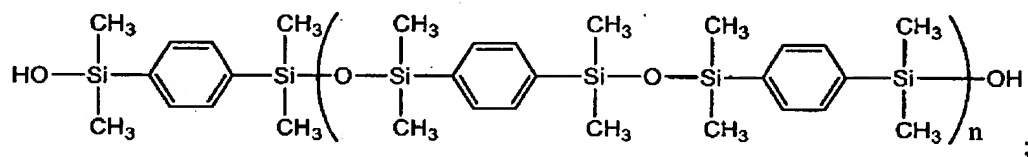with a bis(dimethylaminosilyl)alkyne comprising the formula:

wherein X is a divalent group containing one or more acetylenic groups.

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36.   (previously presented): The process of claim 35, wherein one or more of the Ar_1 and Ar_2
        groups is phenylene.

37.   (previously presented): The process of claim 35, wherein one or more of the R groups is
        $-CH_3$.

38.   (original): The process of claim 35, wherein the prepolymer comprises the formula:

        wherein the bis(dimethylaminosilyl)alkyne is 1,4-

               bis(dimethylaminodimethylsilyl)butadiyne; and

        wherein the precursor comprises the formula:

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39.   (currently amended): A process of preparing a networked polymer comprising the formula:
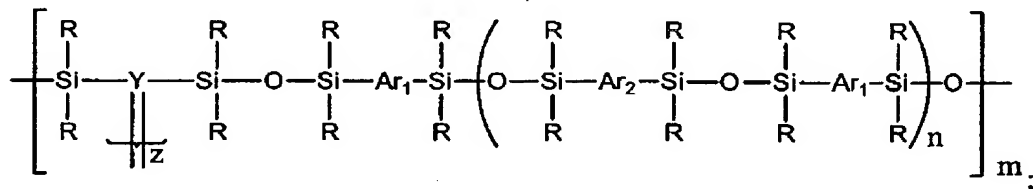
wherein n≥0;

wherein n>0;

wherein n is an average value obtained by averaging all repeating units of the networked polymer;

wherein m≥1;

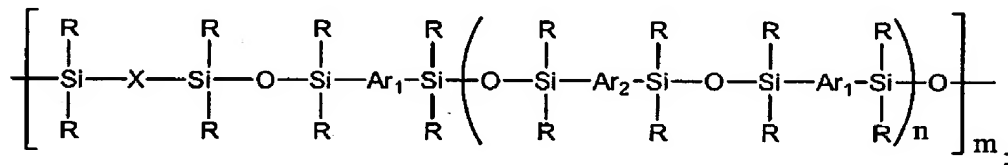wherein Y is a divalent group containing one or more acetylenic groups, one or more crosslinks, or both;

wherein z is the average number of crosslinks per Y group;

wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 are independently selected aromatic groups; and

wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, haloalkyl, haloaryl, and combinations thereof;

comprising the step of:

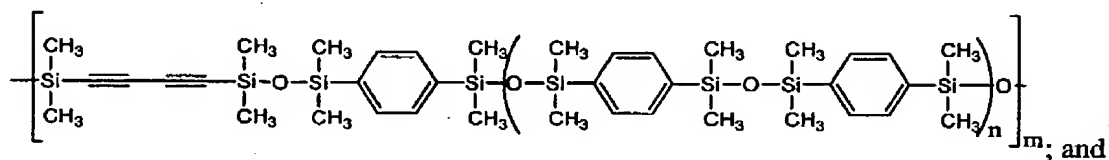crosslinking a precursor comprising the formula:

wherein X is a divalent group containing one or more acetylenic groups.

40.   (previously presented): The process of claim 39, wherein one or more of the Ar_1 and Ar_2 groups is phenylene.

41.   (previously presented): The process of claim 39, wherein one or more of the R groups is $-CH_3$.

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42.   (original): The process of claim 39, wherein the crosslinking is performed by heating the
        precursor.

43.   (original): The process of claim 42,
                wherein the heating conditions are at least sufficient to initiate crosslinking; and
                wherein the heating conditions do not cause degradation of the precursor or the
                networked polymer.

44.   (original): The process of claim 42, wherein the heating is performed at one or more
        temperatures from about 100°C to about 500°C.

45.   (original): The process of claim 39,
                wherein the precursor comprises the formula:

                wherein the networked polymer comprises the formula:

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